# TASK FORCE MEETING JULY 10 Task force Feedback/Comments

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# 7:00 pm

Task Force Attendance

- Matt Lyttle, Co-Chair
- Rita Zimmerman
- Alan Ackerman
- Debbie Gerald
- Fred Cornett
- Nazir Bhagat

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# **Open Comment Period**

Community member shared enthusiasm about the study and is encouraged by the ideas coming forward.

# Meeting Summary

Staff provided previous meeting summaries to the task force for their review. Meeting summaries were accepted with minor modifications.

Task force member asked about status of the Open Submission process. Staff shared the Submission Form had not been added to the website as yet, but will be by the close of the business week.

## PRESENTATION AND LAND USE EXERCISE

Staff began with a thought exercise, asking the group to consider (in detail) the future of the Lincolnia Community 20 years from now.

# Responses

- Modern buildings
- Community area and gathering space
- Small urban space where all aspects are contained (live/work/shop/play)
- Gondola from CBC to Landmark Mall
- Green space, destinations → after work, bring kids, outdoor movies
- Walkable
- Accessible to transit
- Sees it as it is today, will be some organic changes that drive higher quality retail
- Traffic may will impede visionary future
- Pedestrian friendly, traffic calming, with residential above retail
- Place for out of town visitors
- Local vehicular travel easier
- Civic amenities such as skating rink, public art, gathering space, etc.

#### **HOUSING CHOICES**

Staff asked the task force consider what housing types of housing options they envision.

# Response

- Senior housing on at least 1 site (or 2)
- Apartments, condos, with ground floor retail (4-5 stories)
- Residential tower 20 stories
- Add density to preserve single family neighborhoods
- Loft-style residential units (lots of light, large windows)
- Live/work for young families, young professionals
- Empty nesters looking to downsize that want easy access to shops
- Allow flexibility w/ unit types and mixes
- Weyanoke Elementary School majority students coming from transitional areas; new housing will probably be in the same school pyramid – current transportation challenges; need for safe, non-vehicular access and transportation to and from schools to CBC
- Missing sidewalks and high-speed vehicles
- Needs improved connectivity to surrounding community assets (i.e. Green Springs Gardens, schools)

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE & AMENITIES**

Staff asked what resources or infrastructure would be needed to support their vision.

# Responses

- Need to improve transportation network, including access to Plaza at Landmark site
- Transit needed to improve congestion/SOVs
- Short commute (within 2 miles) and long distance commutes needs to be considered
- Good selection of retail categories (i.e. restaurants, clothing, coffee, hardware, etc.), service and entertainment
- Mom-pop more so than big box
- Community organization (BID?) to organize events, trash maintenance
- Service-oriented medical, urgent care
- Wineries could have small pop-ups

#### **FOCAL POINTS & BUILDING HEIGHTS**

Staff also provided a number of visual examples of mixed-use communities and asked the group to consider the elements of the images that were most appealing. Where should these elements be located within the opportunity area?

#### Responses

- Shirlington boulevard with housing around it
- Fairfax Center retail is shorter and residential use is on the outside adjacent to existing residential use
- Community space for all seasons
- Open green/park space south of Little River Turnpike

- Taller buildings along the eastern portion of the opportunity area (subunits A-1, B-1);
  may include office Towers would be signature focal points for the area; eye-catching lighting techniques
- Green space in the middle of A1/A2/A3 (Plaza at Landmark site)
- Restaurants w/ outdoor seating
- Wide sidewalks that can accommodate pedestrians and activities on both sides of Little River Turnpike
- Highest buildings near tower 5000? Edge of A1
- Up to 20 stories A1 taper 10 stories to 6 stories
- Shorter buildings (6 stories max) and stepped down to single family dwelling units
- Tallest 10 to 15 stories, step down to 6 to 4 stories
- 20 stories against the highway
- 5-6 stories throughout
- Harder to envision higher than 8 stories in areas away from metro

#### MIX OF USES BY SUBUNIT

Referencing a map of the opportunity area, the group was then asked to consider where these envision different types of land uses. (Headings correspond to draft land units - the map can be referenced in the presentation from the July 10 Task Force meeting)

# Responses

# (All Subunits)

Civic / Institutional / residential / office / hotel

#### (A1)

Tallest buildings, primarily residential – office / hotel

#### (A2 and A3)

o Residential / dining and retail mix (closer to existing residential)

## (A4)

- Residential to be compatible w/existing residential (3-4 stories)
- Densities are scaled back in comparison to subunits (A1, A2, and A3)
- Existing uses should be retained
- Direct access to Little River Turnpike

## (B1)

 No tall high-rises (taller structures would be locate closer to Little River Turnpike; heights would transition to down closer toward existing residential

## DESTINATION OR FOCAL POINT (where is it?)

- A2
- A2 or A3
- A3 central space with shops around it (24 hrs. space)
- A1 closed off streets during 'off-peak' hours (eg office) for markets festivals, civic events, etc.
- B Subunits Fairfax Center (or Fairfax Corner) Typology